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OF THE

One Hundred Sixty-Second

Annual Session

OF THE

Mountain District

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Crab Creek Church

ALLEGHANEY CO., ENNICE, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 2, 3, and 4,

1960

Next session convenes with Elk Creek Church, located six miles northwest of Sparta on state highway 93, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1961.

—OFFICERS —

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS - Moderator, Galax, Virginia

LON M. REEVES - Clerk, Sparta, North Carolina

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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCATION HELD WITH CRAB CREEK CHURCH,

Ten miles east of Sparta, N. C.
SEPTEMBER 2, 3, and 4, 1960.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 2, 1960.

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment, and opened with song and prayer by Elder Fletcher Beasley.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Edd Douglas, text: John 8:32.

3. After intermission of one hour the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order for business. Song and prayer by Elder Henry H. Viers, correspondent from Washington Association.

4. Called for, received and read letters from all our churches except Pilgrim's Rest, Fox Creek and Cranberry, and seated their messengers.

5. Called for petitionary letters. None came.

6. Organized by move, and second, Moderator and Clerk be elected by ballot. Elders J. G. Fulk, A. R. Singleton, and Ray Rotenizer took votes. Elder Edd Douglas was chosen Moderator and Lon M. Reeves, Clerk.

7. By move and second our correspondents who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations make reports. Reports were made, those who failed were excused.

8. By move and second called for correspondents, received and seated the following from sister Associations:

Fisher's River: Elder D. E. Wood, Elder J. G. Fulk, Deacon Coy Flippin.

Washington: Elder A. R. Singleton, Elder Henry Viers, Elder M. F. Cox.

Mt. Zion: Elder H. W. Morgan.

St. Clairs Bottom: Brother Elmer Heath.

Senter: Elder Dewey Roten, Deacon Fred G. Weaver.

Roaring River: Brother J. T. Choate, Deacon W. C. Hall.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Brother E. C. Thompson, Brother J. F. Goad, Brother Harold Myers.

Piney Grove. Elders Joel E. Simmons, M. O. Stevens, and H. M. Bowan.

9. Called for visitors from sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated:

Fisher's River: Dave Cradock, Sister Nooncaster, Sister Fulk, Sister Eula Brinegar, Brother I. J. Nooncaster, Sister A. L. Hutchins.

Washington: Brother Grady Sikes.

Mt. Zion: Brother Harry Mogan and wife, Brother W. A. Davidson and wife, and Sister Hubert Morgan.

St. Clairs Bottom: Sister C. R. Dancy, Sister Mabel Dancy, and Brother John Phipps.

Senter: Sister Mallie Weaver, Sister Margaret Cochram, and daughter, Brother Tom Severt and Brother G. E. Kilby and wife.

Roaring River: Elder C. D. Hall and wife.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Sister Della Horton, Sister John F. Goad, Brother John W. Horton, Brother Paul Bowman, Deacon Ellis Robinson and wife, Deacon J. A. Banks and wife, Elder F. W. Stockner, Brother Richard L. Bonds.

Piney Grove: Sister Joel Simmons and Bro. Walter Hodge.

Mt. Enon Association of Florida: Elder Paul R. Mann.

10. Moderator sent to the stand Friday: Elder Ray Rotenizer Elder P. R. Mann, Brother Richard L. Bonds.

11. Received Minutes from the following corresponding Associations: Senter District, United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia, Abbott's Creek, Union, Roaring River, Fishers River, Piney Grove, Washington District, St. Clairs Bottom District, and Mt. Zion.

12. By move and second the Moderator authorized to make all committee appointments for this session.

(a) The following brethren were appointed to the Committee on Preaching: Brother John Crouse, G. L. Irwin, Brother Garnett Bolt, with the messengers from Crab Creek Church.

(b) The following brethren were appointed to the Finance Committee: Brother Clarde McBride, Brother Mart Jenkins, Brother R. Cleve Gabill, Brother C. G. Collins.

(c) The following brethren were appointed to the Committee on Arrangements: Elder Raleigh Joines, Elder C. C. Sawyer, Elder Walter Evans, Brother J. I. Paisley, and Bro. Harvey Stamper.

(d) The following brethren were appointed on the Committee to Assign Correspondents to sister Associations: Elder Coy Roberts, Brother Fred Hawks, and Brother Carlie Hash.

(e) The following brethen were appointed on the Committee to distribute Corresponding Minutes: Brother Charlie Greer, Brother Clifford Holloway and Brother Oscar Wyatt.

13. By move and second the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder H. W. Morgan correspondent from Mt. Zion Association.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 3, 1960.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened for business by song and prayer by Elder M. F. Cox correspondent from Washington Association.

2. By motion, called roll of messengers, marked off those absent.

3. Called for correspondents and visiting brethren to report that were not present Friday. Correspondents:

(a) Washington: Elder Raleigh Compton.

(b) St. Clairs Bottom: Elder F. O. Sanders, and Brother Paul Sanders.

(c) Piney Grove: Deacon Guy Priddy and wife.

(d) United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Elder Monroe McGrady.

Visitors:

(a) Fishers River: Elder M. J. Edwards.

(b) United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Elder S. S. Walker and wife, Brother L. H. Shockley and Sister Monroe McGrady.

(c) Piney Grove: Elder R. L. Rogers.

(d) New Liberty: Elder W. B .Pendleton and wife, Brother Finley Ratliff and wife, Sister Pearl Burton.

(e) Mt. Zion: Brother Luther Easter and Sister Mamie Barker.

(f) Sister Edd Barker.

4. By move and second called on Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported the following and were discharged:

(a) General routine of business.

(b) Recommend to Association that we print obituaries in condensed form that are requested from our churches.

(c) Recommend that next session of Association be held with Elk Creek Church, Sparta, N. C., Alleghaney County, six miles northwest of Sparta on State highway 93, at the usual time, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September.

(d) Pilgrims Rest Church, having dissolved and its members lettering out to other churches will no longer be recognized as a church and to be dropped from our Minutes.

(e) Move and second we present these recommendations to the Association.

5. By move and second the Association approved recommendations presented by Committee on Arrangements.

6 Called on Committee that was appointed to assign correspondents to sister Associations to report. They reported the following assignments and Committee discharged:

(a) Washington: Elder R. N. Joines, Elder Coy Walker, Brother J. H. Stamper, Brother Arthur Gambill, and Elder R. E. Douglas.

(b) Roaring River: Elders C. C. Sawyer, Coy Roberts, Brother Clarence Murray and Brother J. H. Stamper.

(c) Fishers River: Elder Walter Evans, Elder R. E. Douglas, Brother J. H. Stamper, and Brother Raymond Nichols.

(d) Mt. Zion: Elder C. C. Sawyer, Brother J. H. Stamper, Brother Lon M. Reeves, Elder C. B. Kilby and Brother Mart Jenkins.

(e) St. Clairs Bottom: Elder C. B. Kilby, Elder Walter

Evans, Brother J. H. Stamper, and Brother Claude McBride.

(f) United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Elder R. E. Douglas, Elder C. C. Sawyer, Elder Coy Walker, and Brother Lon M. Reeves.

(g) Piney Grove: Elder R. N. Joines, Brother Fred Hawks, Licentiate W. R. Hawks, Elder C. C. Sawyer, and Brother Lon M. Reeves.

(h) Senter: Elder Coy Walker, Elder R. E. Douglas, Elder Walter Evans, Brother C. D. Murray, Brother Carey Estep and Elder C. B. Kilby.

7. Called on Committee on Finance to report. Committee reported the following and were discharged:

Received from the churches	$149.15	$149.15
Allowed for Minutes	75.00	
Allowed for the Moderator	20.00	
Allowed for the Clerk	20.00	
Gave to correspondents	34.15	$149.15

Brethren, sisters, and friends donated $182.00, which was divided among visiting Elders.

8. Called on Committee on Preaching to report. The following Elders were appointed to preach, and Committee discharged:

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Afternoon:

1. Elder Ray Rotenizer, text, Jer. 17:8.
2. Elder Paul R. Mann, Tim. 1:12.
3. Licentiate Richard L. Bonds, no special text.

Friday Night at Little River:

Elder Paul R. Mann, Heb. 12:4.

Saturday Morning:

1. Elder Joel Simmons, Heb. 11:1.
2. Elder Henry Viers, Eph. 2:1.
3. Elder H. W. Morgan, Eph. 2:1-3.

Saturday Afternoon:

1. Elder C. D. Hall, Gen. 24:27.
2. Elder Dewey Roten, Luke 5:8.
3. Elder W. B .Pendleton, failed to get text.

Brother J. F. Goad, closed.

Saturday Night at Cross Roads:

1. Elder Raleigh Compton, failed to get text.
2. Elder S. S. Walker, failed to get text.

Saturday Night at Crab Creek:

Elder A. R. Singleton, "According as He has chosen us."

Sunday Morning:

Elder F. O. Sanders, opened services.
1. Elder J. G. Fulk, Heb. 4:12.
2. Elder A. R. Singleton, Matt. 1:21.
3. Elder R. L. Rogers, Rev. 19:6-8.

Moderator, Remarks.
Elder J. G. Fulk, closed.

9. By move and second appointed Clerk as Treasurer and to superintend the printing of 850 copies of these Minutes and distribute as usual.

10. By move and second we carry Cranberry and Fox Creek Churches in the Minutes as not represented.

11. Resolved that we return thanks first, to God, then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during the sitting of this Association.

12. Move and second the next session of Mountain District Association be held with Elk Creek Church, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1961.

13. By move and second the Minutes were read and approved.

14. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder J. G. Fulk.

R. E. DOUGLAS, Moderator
LON M. REEVES, Clerk

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Va.
Elder Walter Evans, Sparta, N. C.
Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, N. C.
Elder Raleigh Joines, Rt. 4, Sparta, N. C.
Elder J. C. Sparks, Sparta, N. C.
Elder C. L. Roberts, Rt. 2, Independence, Va.
Elder Coy Walker, Sparta, N, C.
Elder C. C. Sawyer, Fries, Va.

Licentiate Eldridge Sawyer, P. O. Box 14, Fries, Va.
Licentiate Ruben Hawks, Galax, Va.

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek—June, 1st Saturday.
Zion—June 2nd Saturday.
Little River—June 3rd Saturday.
Union—July 1st Saturday.
Peach Bottom—July 2nd Saturday.
Barton's Cross Roads—July 1st Saturday.
Crab Creek—July 4th Saturday.
Saddle Creek—July 3rd Saturday.
Rock Creek—August 1st Saturday.
Galax—August 2nd Saturday.
Elk Creek—August 2nd Saturday.
Cross Roads—August 3rd Saturday.
Antioch—August 4th Saturday.
And the Sunday following in all the churches.

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C. 20
John A. Crouse, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 50
G. R. Douglas, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 65
Oscar Wyatt, Rt. 4, Sparta, N. C. 50
Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va. 50
Lura Parks, Mouth Of Wilson, Va. 20
Olga Greer, Grant, Va. 20
Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 65
M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va. 30
C. S. McBride, Independence, Va. 35
Miss Delphia Shockley, Galax, Va. 50
Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 50
Raymmond Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 60
C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. 50
Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C. 20

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Senter—Earl M. Severt, Rt. 2, West Jefferson, N. C. 20
Fisher's River—G. C. Harbour, Dobson, N. C. 20
Washington—Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va. 20
Roaring River—John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C. 15
Mt. Zion—J. R .Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 20
St. Clair's Bottom—Hughie Blevins, Jr. Chilhowie, Va. 20
Union—Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. 20
Mates Creek—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky. 20
Abbott's Creek—Reid Blevins, Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C. 15
United P. B. Association of Va., Eld. E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va. 20
Piney Grove—S. O. Shelton, Fransisco, N. C. 20

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make rmarks on his slips, failings or imprfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.
2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.
4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.
5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.
7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated; but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necesssary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Associational Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only b ythe imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

OBITUARIES

MAHALA JANE COX

Mahala Jane Cox was born July 5, 1867, passed away May 18, 1960, making her stay on earth 92 years, 10 months and 13 days. On November 2, 1884, she was married to Morgan Cox. To this union were born 10 children, three of them preceded her in death, and those surviving are: three daughters, Mrs. Olga Greer, Mrs. Cora Osborne, and Mrs. Pearl Southers; four sons, Willie, Muncy, Oscar, and Estel. Also surviving are 25 grandchildren, 82 great grandchildren, 15 great-great grandchildren and many friends.

She has been a member of Bartons Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church for many years. She was a devoted membed in the truest sense of the word. She was a devoted wife and mother and when death came it found her robed and ready, let us, like her, bow in humble submission to His will.

To the children, you have lost a wonderful mother, but we feel your loss is her gain and may you, like her, when the summons comes, have the drapery of Jesus' love wrapped around you and lie down to pleasant dreams.

Written by her pastor, Elder C. C. Sawyer.

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LULA MAY CROUSE

Lula May Crouse was born May 13, 1884, and departed this life April 22, 1959, making her stay on earth 74 years, 11 months and 9 days. She was the daughter of David R., and Cynthia Cox and married Tyre R. Crouse on January 19, 1900. To this union were born 10 children, two preceded her in death. Surviving are four sons: Ona, Gwynn, Brady, and Odell; four daughters: Mrs. Dillon Edwards, Mrs. Ray Evans, Mrs. Larry Brooks, Miss Imogene Crouse; one brother, Gwynn Cox, and her lonely husband; 19 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Zion September 11, 1908 and she remained a faithful member until God saw fit to carry her home where there will be no more suffering and parting with

loved ones. All were her friends that knew her. We feel like saying the church has lost a faithful member, the home a beloved mother and companion, the community and friends a great help in time of sickness and death in this community.

God called you home, it was His will,
But in our hearts we love you still;
Memory is as dear today
As in the hour you passed away.
No one know how we miss you;
No one knows our grief;
Many silent tears are shed,
While other lie asleep.
In our home she is sadly missed;
Sweet memories cling to her name;
Those who knew her in life
Love her in death the same.
Your many days and hours of pain;
Your troubled nights are past;
And in my aching heart I know
You have found sweet peace at last.

Written by her husband, Tyre R. Crouse.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTOR	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Ordained Mins.	Lic. Ministers	Sat. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
ELK CREEK	Arthur Gambill,	Arthur Gambill, Willie Joines,											
Elds. Evans, & Joines	Sparta, N. C.	R. C. Gambill	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	$10.00
PINEY CREEK	C. L. Hash,	C. L. Hash, Myrtie Halsey,											
Elder Douglas	Sparta, N. C.	Lucy Weaver	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	5.00
BARTONS CROSS RD.	Olga Greer												
Elder C. C. Sawyer	Grant, Va.	Charles P. Greer, Olga Greer	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	10	5.00
ROCK CREEK	C. S. McBride,	C. S. McBride, Paul Hash,											
Eld. Evans, & Douglas	Independence, Va.	Coy Roberts	1	....	1	....	3	....	....	....	1	46	5.50
UNION: Elds. Kilby,	Oscar Wyatt,	R. N. Joines, Henry Edwards,											
Evans & Joines	Sparta, N. C.	Oscar Wyatt	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	78	8.15
CROSS ROADS	Raymond Nichols,	J. I. Paisley, J. D. Murray,											
Eld. R. E. Douglas	Galax, Va.	Raymond Nichols	....	....	3	....	1	....	1	....	....	55	20.00
ZION: Elds. Sparks,	John A. Crouse,	John A. Crouse, Gwynn Cox,											
Joines & Kilby	Sparta, N. C.	Charlie Collins	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	1	1	58	14.00
ANTIOCH	C. G. Fender,	J. L. Irwin, J. P. Absher,											
Elds. Evans & Joines	Sparta, N. C.	Arol Choate	....	....	4	1	1	....	....	....	1	55	12.00
PEACH BOTTOM	Garnett Bolt,												
Eld. Coy Walker	Independence, Va.	Garnett Bolt, Clarence Ward	1	....	2	....	....	....	1	....	1	51	12.50
GALAX: Elders	Delphia A. Shockley,	Fred Hawks, C. C. Sawyers,											
Douglas & Sawyers	Galax, Va.	Eldridge Sawyers	1	2	2	2	1	....	....	1	4	40	20.00
LITTLE RIVER	G. R. Douglas,	Walter Evans, Lon M. Reeves,											
Elds. Kilby & Evans	Sparta, N. C.	Cliff Holloway	3	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	62	20.00
SADDLE CREEK:	M. A. Jenkins,												
Elds. Sawyer & Walker	Independence, Va.	M. A. Jenkins, J. H. Stamper	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	7.00
CRAB CREEK: Elders	Mack D. Rector,	M. D. Rector, C. D. Murray,											
Douglas & Kilby	Galax, Va.	Luther Smith	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	36	10.00
CRANBERRY	Not represented	Not represented	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	
FOX CREEK	Not represented	Not represented	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	
		Totals	8	2	....	3	6	....	2	2	11	559	149.15

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OFFICERS

ELDER C. C. SAWYER - Moderator, Fries, Virginia
LON M. REEVES - Clerk ..... Sparta, N. C.

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FRIDAY MORNING—September 1, 1961

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment, opened with song and prayer by Elder V. E. Ogle from United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Walter Evans, text Acts 1:1, 2.

3. After intermission of one hour the messengers assembled in the church house, were called to order for business. Song and prayer by Elder Edd Davis, correspondent from Senter Association.

4. Called for, received and read letters from all our churches except Cranberry and Fox Creek, and seated their messengers.

5. Called for petitionary letters. None came.

6. Organized by move and second that Moderator and Clerk be elected by ballot. Elder C. C. Sawyer was elected Moderator and Lon M. Reeves elected Clerk. Elders Ray Rotenizer, Edd Davis and William Gardner were called to take vote.

7. At this time Zion and Crab Creek Churches wished to withdraw from the Association and stand as independent churches.

8. Move and second that our correspondents who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations make reports. Reports were made and those who failed were excused.

9. By move and second called for correspondents, received and seated the following from sister associations:

Fishers' River: Elder Coy Sikes and Brother Jessie Key.

Washington: Elder M. M. Edwards.

Senter: Elder Edd Davis.

Roaring River: Brethren Jim Richardson and Clarence Hall.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Elder V. E. Ogle and Brother J. F. Goad.

Piney Grove: Elder Joel Simmons and Brother S. O. Shelton.

10. Called for visitors from sister Association and the following came forward and were seated:

Fisher's River: Elder D. E. Wood, Brother Vester Jones and wife, Brother H. J. Hill and Sister Jessie Key.

Washington: Elder M. C. Miller.

Mt. Zion: Elder Lowell Lilly and wife.

St. Clair's Bottom: Brother W. B. Johnson and wife.

Senter: Brother G. E. Kilby and wife and Brother Tom Severt.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Brother J. T. Jackson, Brother E. C. Thompson and wife, Elder Ray Rotenizer, Deacon R. B. Rotenizer and Sister Ella C. Goad.

Piney Grove: Sister Joel Simmons, Sister M. O. Shelton, Elder M. H. Vaden and wife and Sister Hattie East.

11. Received minutes from the following corresponding associations: United Primitive Baptist of Virginia, Piney Grove, Union, Ebenezer, St. Clair's Bottom District, Mt. Zion, Washington District, Fisher's River, Senter District and Roaring River.

12. By move and second Moderator to make all committee appointments for this session.

(a) The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Preaching: Brethren Mart Jenkins, Raymond Nichols with messengers from Elk Creek Church.

(b) The following brethren were appointed to the Finance Committee: Arthur Gambill, Clifford Holloway and Green Ward.

(c) The following brethren were appointed to the Committee on Arrangements: Elders Walter Evans, Coy Roberts, Herman Edwards and Joseph Absher with Moderator and Clerk.

(d) The following brethren were appointed on committee to assign correspondents to sister associations: Charlie Greer and Charlie Edwards.

(e) The following brethren were appointed to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Oscar Wyatt and Willie Joines.

13. By move and second the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder M. M. Edwards, correspondent from Washington Association.

SATURDAY MORNING—September 2, 1961

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was opened for business by song and prayer by Elder Frank Lilly, visitor from Mt. Zion Association.

2. Called roll of messengers and marked off those absent.

3. Called for correspondents and visiting brethren to report who were not present Friday. Correspondents:

Fishers' River: Elder Glenn Hunter.

Washington: Elder Raleigh Compton.

Mt. Zion: Elder W. Don Lilly.

St. Clair's Bottom: Brother Charlie McCloud and Brother B. M. Hard.

Senter: Brother Fred Weaver.

Piney Grove: Brother Walter Hodge.

Visitors:

Mt. Zion: Elder Frank Lilly and wife and Sister Georgie Dillard, Brother W. A. Davidson and wife and Sister Mary Poff.

Washington: Brother Thornton Compton.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder F. O. Sanders.

Senter: Sister Mallie Weaver.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Elder S. S. Walker and wife, Brother R. L. Bond, Brother Leonard Myers and wife, Brother Hite Shockley and Sister Ray Rotenizer.

Piney Grove: Elder R. L. Rogers.

New Liberty: Elder J. M. Whaling.

4. By move and second called on Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported the following and were discharged:

(a) We recommend to the Association to grant the request of Zion and Crab Creek Churches to withdraw from the Association and stand alone as independent churches.

(b) We recommend we remove all bars of nonfellowship against all orderly and peace loving Primitive Baptists.

(c) We recommend that all obituaries of brethren and sisters that are requested to be printed in the minutes be in a condensed form.

(d) We recommend to have 850 copies of the minutes

printed and distributed as usual.

(e) We recommend that item number 3 under "c" in the 1958 Minute, relative to Ebenezer and Ketocton Associations in regard to correspondence by minutes, that we rescind this item.

(f) We recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Rock Creek Church, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1962, three miles northeast of Independence, Grayson County, Virginia.

(g) The general routine of business of the Association.

5. By move and second, the Association adopted the recommendations of the Committee on Arrangements.

6. By move and second, called on Committee that was appointed to assign correspondents to sister Associations to report. They reported the following assignments and committee was discharged:

(a) Washington: Elder Edd Douglas, Brother Mart Jenkins and Garnett Bolt.

(b) Roaring River: Elders Edd Douglas and Coy Roberts and Brother Guy Phipps.

(c) Fishers' River: Elder Walter Evans, Brethren Cliff Holloway, Mart Jenkins and Raymond Nichols.

(d) Mt. Zion: Elder Edd Douglas, Brethren McBride, Reeves Douglas and Lon M. Reeves.

(e) Piney Grove: Eldes C. C. Sawyer, Coy Roberts and Brother Lon M. Reeves.

(f) United Primitive Baptist Association fo Va.: Elders Walter Evans, C. C. Sawyer, and Brother Willie Joines.

(g) St. Clair's Bottom: Elders C. B. Kilby, Coy Roberts and Brother Arthur Gambill.

(h) Senter: Elders Walter Evans, C. B. Kilby, Brothers Eddie Hoppers and Lon M. Reeves.

7. Called on Committee on Finance to report. Committee reported the following and were discharged:

Received from Churches		$148.50
Allowed for Minutes and postage	$ 95.00	
Allowed Moderator	20.00	
Allowed Clerk	20.00	
Gave to Correspondent	13.50	$148.50

Brethren, sisters and friends gave $136.15 which was divided among visiting Elders.

8. Called on Committe on Preaching to report. The following Elders were appointed to preach and committee discharged:

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Night at Little River:
Brother Ruben Hawks introduced
1. Elder Ray Rotenizer
2. Elder Lowell Lilly

Saturday Morning:
1. Elder Ray Rotenizer, text: "Prepart to meet thy God, O Israel."
2. Elder Martin Edwards, text: Romans 5:1.
3. Elder Avery Land, text: Cor. 5:14.

Saturday Afternoon:
1. Elder Joel Simmons, no special text
2. Elder Raleigh Compton, text Joshua 24:15
3. Elder Don Lilly, text, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."

Saturday Night at Little River:
Elder S. S. Walker to bring up service
1. Elder Don Lilly
2. Elder J. M. Whaling

Sunday Morning:
To introduce, Elders S. S. Walker
1. Elder Edd Davis, text Thess. 14:4
2. Elder Lowell Lilly, text "And you hath He quickened which were dead."
3. Elder R. L. Rogers, text "Behold, I bring you good tiding of great joy.

Thus closed the one hundred sixty-third session of the Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association in peace and fellowship. The preaching was excellent and in harmony with the Scripture, which caused the saints to praise the Lord.

CLERK

9. By move and second appointed Clerk as treasurer and to superintend the printing of 850 copies of these minutes and distribute as usual.

10. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to the brethren and sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during the setting of this Association.

11. By move and second the minutes were read and approved.

12. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Raleigh Compton, correspondent from Washington Association.

ELDER C. C. SAWYER, Moderator
LON M. REEVES, Clerk

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Va.
Elder Walter Evans, Sparta, N. C.
Elder C. B. Kilby, R. F. D., Galax, Va.
Elder C. L. Roberts, Rt. 2, Independence, Va.
Elder C. C. Sawyer, Fries, Va.
Licentiate Eldridge Sawyer, P. O. Box 14, Fries, Va.
Licentiate Ruben Hawks, Galax, Va.

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek—June, 1st Saturday.
Little River—June 3rd Saturday.
Union—July 1st Saturday.
Peach Bottom—July 2nd Saturday.
Barton's Cross Roads—July 1st Saturday.
Saddle Creek—July 4th Saturday
Rock Creek—August 1st Saturday.
Galax—August 2nd Sunday.
Elk Creek—August 2nd Saturday.
Cross Roads—August 3rd Saturday.
Antioch—August 4th Saturday.
And the Sunday following in all the churches.

OBITUARIES

EMMALINE WILSON HILL

Emmaline Wilson Hill passed away Friday September 23, 1960, after a few days illness. She was born August 15, 1872, daughter of Samuel and Mary Defreece Wilson. She was married to Howard Hill who preceded her in death by several years. Surviving is a son, Lindsey Hill of Galax.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Cross Roads July 1899 and stayed able to attend her church meetings until death.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. Sunday at Vaughn-Guynn Chapel, conducted by Elder Edd Douglas. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery.

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ALEXANDER L. RICHARDSON

Alexander L. Richardson, age 90, known to friends as Uncle Alex Richardson, son of Meridith and Cessie Joines Richardson, was born November 18, 1870 and passed away May 28, 1961.

He was married to Miss Rhoda Tedder June 25, 1872, who preceded him in death April 23, 1946; and unto this union were born four children: Lonnie Richardson, Butte, Mont., M. L. Richardson, R. E. Richardson, Sparta, N. C., Luther Richardson who preceded him in death November 20, 1902; 12 grandchildren.

Brother Richardson joined the Union Primitive Baptist Church Aug. 17, 1911, where he served a faithful member for 50 years. He was a good neighbor and was loved by everyone; known as a good father of which his children can recall the good things he did for them. He will be missed by his church, family and many friends, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

THOMAS LEFF CROUSE

It is with sadness that I attempt to write a short sketch of the life of Thomas Leff Crouse, who quietly passed away April 30, 1961, age 76 years, 1 month, and 21 days. A son of Floyd Crouse, Sr. and Ellen Gambill Crouse, he was born March 9, 1885 and was married to Bessie Weaver December 6, 1905.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Roy Crouse, four daughters, Mrs. Glenn W. Wood, Mrs. B. H. Rector, Mrs. W. H. Wilder, and Mrs. John M. Naame; eleven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers, R. Floyd Crouse and Robert Crouse, Lee Crouse and one sister, Mrs. Fred Weaver.

He professed a sweet hope in Jesus Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Zion in 1933. He lived up to this profession both in the church and in all walks of life.

He was a quiet man of few words, industrious, and spent very few idle minutes. His children would do well to follow the beautiful example he set for them. He is missed in the church and community in which he lived. All were his friends that knew him, for he was always willing to help in time of need.

He will be sadly missed by his children and particularly by his companion who so tenderly cared for him during his sickness. But our loss cannot be compared to his gain, with no more suffering, trials or troubles to bear. May the Lord's presence fill the vacancy caused by his passing and each of you say, "The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Tyre R. Crouse

JAMES HARVY STAMPER

James Harvy Stamper was born September 12, 1890, son of the late Preston Stamper, and the late Sophina Stamper, and died July 14, 1961, age 70 years, at his home.

On Feb. 25, 1914 he was married to Rena Hackler. To this union were born 5 children. Kenneth preceded him in death in infancy, and son Arnold was killed in action on November 19, 1944.

Surviving are his wife Rena Stamper, two daughter, Evelyn Crum, Antha Wright, and one son Joel Stamper.

James Harvy Stamper united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Pilgrims Rest Church in September 1941. He was ordained Deacon in June 1942, serving faithfully until his passing.

He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Written by his granddaughter, Loretta Eveleth, Salix, Iowa.

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OLLIE TRUITT CROUSE

Ollie Truitt Crouse, daughter of William and Candis Wagoner Truitt, died August 19, 1960 in Alleghany Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for several weeks. She was born Feb. 14, 1882. She was married to Glen Crouse Nov. 4, 1906. She professed a hope and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Zion in August 1903 and was baptized by Elder Smith Webb and C. H. Collins. She was a faithful member until God saw fit to take her from this world. She bore her afflictions with patience. We feel our loss is her gain, and let us, like her, bow in humble submission to His will.

She leaves her husband; two brothers, Glenn Truitt and Click Truitt; two sisters, Ennice Billings and Myrtie Choate, and several nephews and neices, to mourn her passing. She is sadly missed in the home, church and by all that knew her. Her body was laid to rest in Zion Cemetery to await the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ when it will be raised a spiritual body and carried to that home where He has prepared for all his reedemed ones to live forevermore.

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OLLIE JANE PETTY

Ollie Jane Petty was born April 11, 1872, and departed this life September 16, 1958, making her stay on earth 86 years, 5 months and 5 days.

On December 26, 1861 she was married to Lee Andrew Petty. Unto this union eleven children were born, two of which preceded her in death. Surviving are: Mrs. Pearl McMillan, Mrs. Rachel Landreth, Mrs. Willie Irwin, Joe James, Hoyt, Lebert and Andy; also 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Antioch for over fifty years and was always faithful and loyal to her church.

She was in ill health for a number of years, but always bore her suffering with great patience and fortitude. She was a good wife, a loving mother and a kind neighbor, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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MRS. RUFAS L. EDWARDS

Mrs. Naomi Jane Denny Edwards, 87, passed away at her home Sunday morning, December 11, 1960, after a 22 months illness.

She was married to Rufus L. Edwards on July 30, 1905. He departed this life June 14, 1947.

Sister Edwards is survived by 8 children, Bessie, Herman, Ruth, Ila, Ornan, Inez, Ray and Ralph, all of Galax; two brothers D. T. Denny and E. B. Denny; two sisters, Mary Denny and Mrs. Tom I. Spease, and 12 grandchildren.

She was born December 10, 1873, a daughter of the late Gabriel Denny and wife, Mrs. Sarah Delphina Stone Denny.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church 57 years.

Funeral services were held at the Vaughan Guynn Chapel at Galax, Va., Tuesday, December 13, at 2:30, by Elder R. E. Douglas and Elder R. P. Vass. Interment was in the Felts Memorial Cemetery, Galax, Va.

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MRS. ROBERT M. COX

Mrs. Mary Frances Hampton Cox, 84, widow of Robert M. Cox, of the Baywood section, Galax, Rt. 1, Va., died November 23, 1960. She was born to Guy and Irene Hampton.

Surviving are five daughters: Mrs. Hurley Hampton, Mrs. Dan C. Roberts, Mrs. Edna Weeks, Mrs. Fay Ashley and Mrs. J. F. O'Neill; four brothers: Joe T. Hampton, Coy Hampton, Fred Hampton and Chancey L. Hampton; three sisters: Mrs. Lloyd P. Gardner, Mrs. Verna Rector and Mrs. J. T. Cox, and 11 grandchildren.

She was converted and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Cross Roads at an early age, remaining a faithful member until death. She was a very energetic, industrious woman. No better neighbor ever lived in the Baywood community. She was always ready to help out in sicknes and trouble. The Church has lost a loyal member, the community a good friend, and a loving soul has answered God's call to come home.

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MRS. WALTER MABE

Mrs. Blanch Mabe, wife of Walter Mabe, of Galax, Va., died in a local hospital July 2, 1961. She was born December 18, 1912, thus making her stay here 48 years.

Surviving in addition to the husband are two brothers, Jesse and Porter Sexton, and one sister, Mrs. Grace Maher.

About seven years ago Blanche joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Galax and remained a most faithful member until death. We feel like we never knew one who so much enjoyed meeting with her church friends and enjoyed to a greater degree the preaching of the gospel.

She was a sufferer for so long, but bore it all patiently and talked so sweetly of the home she felt was prepared for her after death, and how ready she was to go.

Funeral services were held by Elders Edd Douglas and Walter Evans in the presence of a large and sorrowful congregation.

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ELDER GARFIELD C. ROBERTS

Garfield C. Roberts was born January 8, 1874 and died July 1960, age 86. He was married to Amelia Hackler in 1894 and to this union were born 13 children, 8 boys and 5 girls, all of whom survive except one girl.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Pilgrim's Rest and was baptized by Elder Ben Martin at Crab Creek Church on Sunday of the Association. He was ordained a minister on November 27, 1926.

He preached until his death and was pastor of several churches. He served his churches as long as he was able to go. He moved his membership to Rock Creek Church and remained a loyal member until his death.

He has one brother, Elder Coy L. Roberts; and two sisters: Martha Hackler and Dona Houk, who survive.

His funeral was held at Peach Bottom Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Walter Evans who spoke comforting words to the bereaved family. His body was laid to rest in the Hackler Cemetery.

He has gone in spirit where our hopes are, and we believe he is enjoying what he had hoped for. May the Lord give us grace to be submissive to His will. May we say, "Thy will be done, not ours." "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

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JANE MURRAY MARTIN

On Monday, November 28, at 12:30 p. m. the angel of death hovered over the earthly body of Jane Murray Martin and bore her gentle, loving soul away. She had been in poor health a long time, but her patient, enduring suffering caused those about her to put a stronger faith in the God who does all things well.

She was born August 19, 1887, the daughter of John and Peggy Anders Murray. She was married to Roy Martin on August 15, 1914. To them were born 6 children. Living are Mrs. Eva Poe, Mrs. Louise Poe, Willie and Ross. Her husband and two sons, Raymond and Troy, preceded her in death. Nine grandchildren survive, also two sisters: Mrs. Early Phipps, Mrs. Celia Fields; six brothers: Aaron, Charles, Cammet, Ross, John and Tommy.

Her family must rise up and call her blessed as we are sure God does. People die that they may live again and though we see only the lifeless body before us now, not in the pain and suffering that she endured here, but in the pure and sweet surrender of her life to God. Loyalty, humility and perseverance characterized her entire life.

She joined the Old Jordan Primitive Baptist Church near Independence, Va. at an early age, later moving her membership to Cross Roads. She loved her church and was a faithful member. She enjoyed conversation with the faithful and worthy Christians. She was a descendant of a family loved by all who knew them.

We shall miss the voice that we loved so well to hear, but we feel sure she has made the gateway to a lovelier world.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make rmarks on his slips, failings or imprfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.
2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.
4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.
5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.
7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated; but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necesssary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Associational Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only b ythe imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and

shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C. 20
John A. Crouse, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 40
G. R. Douglas, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 65
Oscar Wyatt, Rt. 4, Sparta, N. C. 50
Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va. 50
Lura Parks, Mouth Of Wilson, Va. 20
Olga Greer, Grant, Va. 20
Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 50
M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va. 30
C. S. McBride, Independence, Va. 35
Miss Delphia Shockley, Galax, Va. 50
Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 50
Raymmond Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 60
C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. 50
Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C. 20

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Senter—Earl M. Severt, Rt. 2, West Jefferson, N. C. 20
Fisher's River—G. C. Harbour, Dobson, N. C. 20
Washington—Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va. 20
Roaring River—John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C. 15
Mt. Zion—J. R. Lillie, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 20
St. Clair's Bottom—Quentin P. Dancy, Chilhowie, Va. 20
Union—Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. 20
Mates Creek—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky. 20
Abbott's Creek—Reid Blevins, Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C. 15
United P. B. Association of Va., Eld. E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va. 20
Piney Grove—S. O. Shelton, Fransisco, N. C. 20
Ketocton—K. F. Bobzien, 1907 Alta Vista Dr., Alexandria, Va. 15
Ebenezer—W. Clayton Wynham, Brightwood, Va. 15

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Ordained Elders	Lic. Ministers	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
ROCK CREEK Eld. Evans, & Douglas	C. S. McBride, Independence, Va.	C. S. McBride, Coy Roberts, Paul Hash	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	2	43	$ 5.00
UNION Eld. Kilby & Evans	Oscar Wyatt, Sparta, N. C.	Eddie Hoppers, Oscar Wyatt, Ch. Edwards	....	....	1	....	....	....	2	....	1	75	11.25
CROSS ROADS Eld. R. E. Douglas	Raymond Nichols, Galax, Va.	J. D. Murray, Raymond Nichols, C. R. Boyer	....	....	3	3	....	....	....	1	3	54	21.00
ANTIOCH Elds. Evans & Joines	C. G. Fender, Sparta, N. C.	J. P. Absher, J. L. Irwin, J. A. Watson	....	....	4	1	1	....	2	....	3	52	16.00
PEACH BOTTOM Eld. Roten	Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va.	Garnett Bolt, Green Ward, John Anders	....	....	2	....	....	....	3	....	3	45	8.00
GALAX Eld. Douglas & Sawyer.	Delphia A. Shockley, Galax, Va.	C. C. Sawyer, Herman Edwards, W. R. Hawks	2	2	2	1	4	....	....	....	2	43	20.00
LITTLE RIVER Elds. Kilby & Evans	J. R. Douglas Sparta, N. C.	Walter Evans, L. M. Reeves, C. Holloway	2	....	3	....	....	....	3	....	1	58	25.00
SADDLE CREEK: Eld. Sawyer	M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va.	M. A. Jenkins, Guy Phipps, Rena Stamper	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	16	7.00
PINEY CREEK Elder Douglas	C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C.	C. L. Hash, Lela Halsey, Myrtle Halsey	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	14	5.00
BARTONS CROSS RD. Elder Sawyer	Olga Greer Grant, Va.	Charles P. Greer, Ida Greer, Olga Greer	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	5.00
ELK CREEK Elder Evans	Arthur Gambill, Sparta, N. C.	Arthur Gambill, Willie Joines, R. C. Gambill	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	34	14.25
ZION Elds. Sparks & Joines	John A. Crouse, Sparta, N. C.	Charlie Collins, Gwyn Cox, John Crouse	1	....	2	....	....	....	1	....	3	54	6.00
CRAB CREEK Elder Douglas	Mack D. Rector, Galax, Va.	M. D. Rector, Luther Smith, C. D. Murray	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	34	5.00
CRANBERRY	Not represented	Not represented											
FOX CREEK	Not represented	Not represented											
		Totals	5	2	....	6	5	....	11	1	23	531	148.50

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Sixty-Fourth

Annual Session

OF THE

Mountain District

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Rock Creek Church

GRAYSON COUNTY, INDEPENDENCE, VIRGINIA

AUGUST 31, SEPTEMBER 1 AND 2,

1962

Next session convenes with Union Church, located four miles southwest of Sparta, Alleghany County, highway 18 before the first Sunday in September, 1963.

OFFICERS

C. C. SAWYER - Moderator ..... Fries, Virginia

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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH ROCK CREEK CHURCH, 3 MILES NORTHEAST OF INDEPENDENCE, GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AUGUST 31, SEPTEMBER 1 AND 2, 1962.

FRIDAY MORNING—August 31, 1962

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment; opened with song and prayer by Elder V. E. Ogle, correspondent from United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. E. Douglas, text Col. 2, "Beware, lest any man beguile you, etc."

3. After intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church house, were called to order for business. Song and prayer by Elder Avery Land, visitor from Yellow Springs Church in Tenn.

4. Called for, received and read letters from all our churches, except Cranberry and Fox Creek, and seated messengers.

5. Called for petitionary letters. None came.

6. Organized by move and second that Moderator and Clerk be elected by ballot. Elders W. G. Fletcher, V. E. Ogle and Lowell Lilly were called to take vote. Elder C. C. Sawyer was elected Moderator and Lon M. Reeves elected Clerk.

7. Move and second that our correspondents who were appointed last year to visit sister associations make reports. Reports were made and those who failed to go were excused.

8. By move and second correspondents were called. Received and seated the following:

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Elder V. E. Ogle.

Mt. Zion: Elders Lowell Lilly and Don Lilly.

9. Called for visitors from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated:

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Brother E. C. Thompson, Elder Ray Rotenizer, Brothers R. V. Rotenizer, E. B. Robinson and J. W. Horton.

Mt. Zion: Sister Lowell Lilly.

Ketocton: Elder W. G. Fletcher.

Yellow Spring Church of Tenn.: Elder and Sister Avery Land.

St. Clair's Bottom Church: Brother and Sister R. C. Price, Sister W. B. Walton, Brother John Cress and Brother Q. E. Graybeal and wife.

Crab Creek Church: Brother Morris Carr.

10. Received minutes from the following corresponding Association: United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia, Senter District, St. Clair's Bottom District, Ebenezer, Mount Zion, Mates Creek, Union, Fisher's River, Washington District, Piney Grove.

11. By move and second Moderator will make all committee appointments for this session.

Moderator appointed to go to the stand on Friday: 1st. Elder Ray Rotenizer, text Acts 20:28; 2nd. Elder Avery Land, text "I'm determined to know nothing among you save Jesus."

(a) The following brethren were appointed on Committee on Preaching: Brother Fred Hawks and Brother Mart Jenkins with messengers from Rock Creek Church.

(b) The following brethren were appointed to the Finance committee: Brothers Raymon Nichols, Garnet Bolt and Clate Wagoner.

(c) The following brethren were appointed to the Committee on Arrangements: Elder Walter Evans, Brother Herman Edwards, Brother Arthur Gambill, Brother Johnny Murray, Brother Joseph Absher, with Moderator and Clerk.

(d) The following committee was appointed to assign correspondents to sister associations: Brothers Charlie Greer, Willie Joines and John Paisley.

(e) The following brethren were appointed to distribute corresponding minutes: Brothers Oscar Wyatt and Clarence Ward.

12. By move and second the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder Walter Evans.

SATURDAY MORNING—September 1, 1962

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Was opened for business. Song and prayer by Elder S. S. Walker, visitor from United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia.

2. Called roll of messengers. Marked off those absent.

3. By move and second the Association agreed to seat as visitors those from independent churches.

4. Called for correspondents and visiting brethren to report that were not present Friday.

VISITORS:

Senter: Elder Edd R. Severt and wife, Brother J. M. Brown and wife, and Brother D. C. Thompson.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Elders S. Walker and wife, Brother Homer Sutphin and wife and L. H. Shockkley.

Mt. Zion: Elder D. C. Stover and wife and Brother F. L. Lane and wife.

New Liberty Association of W. Va.: Elder J. M. Whaling and wife.

Ketockton: Elder T. E. Majors and wife, Brother J. L. Compton and wife.

Harmony Grove: Elder W. L. Gardner, Brothers Rufus Nester, I. J. Webb, Sister Stella Webb, Charles Goins, Troy Hill, Sister Gladys Hill, Ruben Hawks, Jr., George Edwards, Maynard Vass and wife and daughter, Susie, and Elmo Smith and wife.

New Fellowship Church: Elder R. P. Vass.

Mt. Olive Church: Elder W. T. Clifton and Brother R T. Clifton.

World Memorial Church: Brother Clint Worrell.

St. Clair's Bottom Church: Brother D. C. Belvins.

5. By move and second called on Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported the following and were discharged: The Committee on Arrangement recommend to the Association:

1st. We wish to thank Elder R. E. Douglas for his labors in the 12 years he served the Mountain Association as Moderator, which was an oversight last year.

2nd. That the next session of the Mountain Association convene with Union Church, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1963 and the Saturday and Sunday following.

3rd. That we have the obituaries that were requested

printed in these minutes in a condensed form.

4th. General routine of business.

6. By move and second the Association received the recommendations of Committee on Arrangements and adopted same.

7. By move and second, called on committee that was appointed to assign correspondents to sister associations to report. They reported the following assignments and were discharged:

To Mt. Zion: Elders C. C. Sawyer and R. E. Douglas, Brethren Raymond Nichols, Lon M. Reeves, Mart Jenkins and Claude McBride.

To Senter: Elders C. B. Kilby and Walter Evans, Brethren Willie Joines, Robert Cleary, John Watson and Lester Irwin.

To United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Elders Edd Douglas, Walter Evans and C. C. Sawyer, Brethren J. I. Paisley, Lon M. Reeves, Mart Jenkins, John Phipps and Garnet Bolt.

8. Called Committee on Finance to report. They reported the following and were discharged:

Received from Churches		$143.35
Gave Moderator	$ 20.00	
Gave Clerk	20.00	
Allowed for Minutes	$ 90.00	
Gave to correspondents	13.35	$143.35

Received from brethren, sisters and friends $174.80, which was distributed to visiting Elders.

9. Called on Committee on Preaching to report. The following Elders were appointed to preach and committee discharged:

Friday Night at Saddle Creek Church: Opened with song and prayer by Elder Don Lilly. 1st. Elder Avery Land, text, 1 John 3:1, 2; 2nd. Elder W. G. Fletcher, Col. 3:1.

Saturday Morning: Open at stand with song and prayer by Elder Coy Roberts. 1st. Elder V. E. Ogle, Rom. 8:1; 2nd. Elder Don Lilly, Cor. 15:1; 3rd. Elder W. G. Fletcher, Timothy 2:1.

Saturday Afternoon: 1st. Elder W. T. Clifton, Psa. 116; 2nd. Elder Lowell Lilly, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found"; 3rd. Elder R. P. Vass, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they might have a right to the tree of life."

Saturday night at Galax: Open with song and prayer by Elder Walter Evans. 1st. Elder T. E. Majors; 2nd. Elder Avery Land.

Sunday Morning: Open with song and prayer by Elder S. S. Walker. 1st. Elder D. C. Stover, text Zech. 2:4,5; 2nd. Elder Wm. Gardner, Isa. 49:13; 3rd Elder J. M. Whaling, no special text; 4th Elder Teddy Ball, "Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Sunday Afternoon: 1st. Elder T. E. Majors, 1 Kings 17:9; 2nd. Elder Avery Land, Matt. 11:13.

10. By move and second the Association appointed Clerk as Treasurer and to superintend the printing of 850 copies of these minutes and distribute as ususal.

11. Resolved that we return thanks first to God, then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during the setting of this Association.

12. By move and second these minutes were read and approved.

13. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

Closed with song and prayer by Elder Walter Evans.

ELDER C. C. SAWYERS, Moderator
LON M. REEVES, Clerk

We are thankful to be spared to meet again in sweet fellowship and to have so many visiting Elders with us, preaching the gospel as we believe it. We are also thankful for all the visiting Brethren and Sisters.

We extend a hearty invitation to all of you to meet with us again next year at Union Church four miles Southwest of Sparta, N. C..

May God in His mercy bless each and all of us. —Clerk

VISITING ELDERS TO THIS ASSOCIATION

Elder W. L. Gardner, Hillsville, Va.
Elder D. C. Stover, Glen White, W. Va., Box 53
Elder R. P. Vass, Hillsville, Va., Route 3, Box 23
Elder Lowell Lilly, Coal City, W. Va.
Elder S. S. Walker, 1718 Green Ridge Rd., Salem, Va.
Elder Avery Land, Dunlap, Tenn.
Elder William T. Clifton, Rt. 7, Box 140, Roanoke, Va.
Elder Ray Rotenizer, Hillsville, Va.
Elder J. M. Whaling, X-2 Gonzales Gardens, Columbia, S. C.
Elder W. G. Fletcher, Rt. 2, Strasburg, Va.
Elder T. E. Majors, 207 Cloud St., Front Royal, Va.
Elder Don Lilly, Coal City, W. Va.
Elder V. E. Ogle, Hillsville, Va.
Elder Edd Severt, Laurel Springs, N. C.
Elder Teddy Ball, McCarr, Ky.
Elder Dewey Roten, Fleetwood, N. C.
Elder H. H. Mathis, West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Leo V. Bagley, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Va.
Elder Walter Evans, Sparta, N. C.
Elder C. B. Kilby, R. F. D., Galax, Va.
Elder C. L. Roberts, Rt. 2, Independence, Va.
Elder C. C. Sawyer, Fries, Va.
Licentiate Eldridge Sawyer, P. O. Box 14, Fries, Va.
Licentiate Ruben Hawks, Galax, Va.

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek—June, 1st Saturday.
Little River—June 3rd Saturday.
Union—July 1st Saturday.
Peach Bottom—July 2nd Saturday.
Barton's Cross Roads—July 1st Saturday.
Saddle Creek—July 4th Saturday
Rock Creek—August 1st Saturday.
Galax—August 2nd Sunday.
Elk Creek—August 2nd Saturday.
Cross Roads—August 3rd Saturday.
Antioch—August 4th Saturday.
And the Sunday following in all the churches.

OBITUARIES

ROSE ROBERTS BURNETTE

On March 18, 1962, the angel of death hovered over the earthly body of Rose Roberts Burnette and bore her gentle loving soul away. She was the wife of William Thomas Burnette and the mother of fourteen children.

She had been a member of the Galax Primitive Baptist Church for thirty-three years, having come as a member by letter in 1929. She loved her church which she attended regularly as long as she was able.

She was a good wife, a loving mother, and a kind neighbor, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

MRS. VIRGINIA BYRD PHIPPS WARD

Mrs. Virginia Byrd Phipps Ward, 77, of Independence, Virginia died in Alleghany Memorial Hospital, Sparta, N. C., Monday, April 16, 1962. She was the widow of the late Bruce Ward, who died March 22, 1954.

Mrs. Ward was born in Grayson County January 1, 1885 a daughter of the late Thomas Phipps and wife, Mrs. Nancy Poe Phipps.

She is survived by one son, Worth Ward, two sisters, Mrs. Cone Cox, and Mrs. Ken Poe, three brothers, Guy, John and Kyle Phipps; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

She joined Saddle Creek Primitive Baptist Church in 1911.

Funeral services were held at Saddle Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Wednestday, at 11 O'clock by Elder Edd Douglas and Rev. A. K. Taylor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

MRS. MALLIE MURRAY

Early in the afternoon of September 2, 1961, the spirit of Mallie Philena Austin Murray quietly and peacefully passed away. She was the daughter of William and Bettie Norman Austin, born April 7, 1877, making her stay on earth 84 years, 4 months and 23 days.

In the year 1901 she was married to Coy Murray. To this union were born nine children, two of which—and her husband—preceded her in death. Surviving are Mrs. Clark Jennings, Walter Murray, Mrs. Abe Anders, Mrs. Walker Funk, Mrs. Ace Widner, Mrs. Joe Roberts and Lonnie Murray. Also surviving are 31 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Sister Murray professed faith in Christ in early life, and united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Baywood, Va., and has lived a good Christian life. She was devoted to her church, her family and her friends. Sister Murray was a woman that was loved and highly respected by all who knew her, a good neighbor and a friend to all she came in contact with, and we believe that, as she came to the crossing of the Great Divide, she could say, as David did, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not fear, for Thou art with me."

Sister Murray is also survived by two brothers, Will and Frank Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Keller and Mrs. Mattie Wilson.

Written by request. —C. H. McKnight

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make rmarks on his slips, failings or imprfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.
2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.
4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.
5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.
7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated; but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necesssary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Associational Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only b ythe imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C. 20
G. R. Douglas, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 65
Oscar Wyatt, Rt. 4, Sparta, N. C. 50
Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va. 50
Lura Parks, Mouth of Wilson, Va. 10
Olga Greer, Grant, Va. 20
M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va. 30
C. S. McBride, Independence, Va. 35
Willard Cruise, Galax, Va. 50
Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 50
Raymmond Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 60
C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. 50
Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C. 20

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Senter—Earl M. Severt, Rt. 2, West Jefferson, N. C. 20
Fisher's River—G. C. Harbour, Dobson, N. C. 20
Washington—Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va. 20
Roaring River—John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C. 15
Mt. Zion—J. R. Lillie, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 20
St. Clair's Bottom—Quentin P. Dancy, Chilhowie, Va. 20
Union—Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. 20
Mates Creek—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky. 20
United P. B. of Va.: Elder C. Allen Ester, Hillsville, Va. 20
Piney Grove—S. O. Shelton, Fransisco, N. C. 20
Ketocton—K. F. Bobzien, 1907 Alta Vista Dr., Alexandria, Va. .. 15
Ebenezer—W. Clayton Wynham, Brightwood, Va. 15

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Ordained Elders	Licensed Gifts	Sat. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel. Rec'd by Relation	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
UNION	Oscar Wyatt,	Oscar Wyatt, Eddie Hoppers,											
Eld. Kilby & Evans	Sparta, N. C.	Henry Edwards	....	....	1	....	....	.....	....	....	....	75	$11.00
CROSS ROADS	Raymond Nichols,	J. I. Paisley, J. D. Murray,											
Eld. R. E. Douglas	Galax, Va.	Raymond Nichols	....	....	3	1	....	.....	....	....	1	54	20.00
ANTIOCH	C. G. Fender,	J. A. Watson, J. L. Irwin,											
Elds. Evans & Roten	Sparta, N. C.	J. P. Absher	....	....	4	....	....	.....	....	....	1	51	16.35
PEACH BOTTOM	Garnett Bolt,	Garnett Bolt, John Anders,											
Eld. Roten	Independence, Va.	Clarence Ward	....	....	2	....	....	.....	....	1	....	50	11.50
GALAX	Willard Cruise	C. C. Sawyer, Herman Edwards,											
Eld. Douglas & Sawyer.	Galax, Va.	Fred Hawks	2	2	2	....	....	.....	....	....	1	42	20.00
LITTLE RIVER	G. R. Douglas	L. M. Reeves, Walter Evans,											
Elds. Kilby & Evans	Sparta, N. C.	Clate Wagoner	2	....	3	3	1	10	....	....	....	72	30.00
SADDLE CREEK:	M. A. Jenkins,	M. A. Jenkins, Pearl Shaver,											
Eld. Sawyer	Independence, Va.	Guy Phipps	....	....	4	....	....	.....	....	....	1	15	6.00
PINEY CREEK	C. L. Hash,	C. L. Hash, Lucy Weaver,											
Elder Douglas	Sparta, N. C.	Lela Halsey	....	....	1	1	....	.....	....	....	1	13	5.00
BARTONS CROSS RD.	Olga Greer	Charles P. Greer,											
Elder Sawyer	Grant, Va.	Olga Greer	....	....	1	....	....	.....	....	....	....	9	5.00
ELK CREEK	Arthur Gambill,	Arthur Gambill, Willie Joines,											
Elds. Evans & Roten	Sparta, N. C.	R. C. Gambill	....	....	2	1	....	1	....	....	1	35	12.50
ROCK CREEK	C. S. McBride	C. S. McBride, Griggs Hackler,											
Eld. Evans, & Douglas	Independence, Va.	Paul Hash	1	....	1	....	....	.....	....	....	1	42	6.00
		Totals	5	2	....	6	1	11	....	1	7	458	143.35

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HELD WITH

Union Church

ALLEGHANY COUNTY, SPARTA, N. C.
AUGUST 30, 31, AND SEPTEMBER 1,

1963

Next session convenes with Cross Roads Church, located Baywood, Grayson County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1964.

OFFICERS

ELDER WALTER EVANS - Moderator, Sparta, N. C.

LON M. REEVES - Clerk ..... Sparta, N. C.

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FRIDAY MORNING—August 30, 1963

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment; opened with song and prayer by Elder Owen Harvey, correspondent from Mt. Zion Association.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Walter Evans, text Job 38:31.

3. After intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church house, were called to order for business, song and prayer by Elder T. R. Crawford, visitor from Mt. Enon Association of Florida.

4. Called for, received and read letters from churches and seated messengers. See Statistical Table.

5. Called for petitionary letters. None came.

6. Organized by move and second that Moderator and Clerk be elected by ballot. Elder W. G. Fletcher, Elder Owen Harvey, Elder J. M. Whaling were called to take vote. Elder Walter Evans was elected Moderator and Lon M. Reeves elected Clerk.

7. Move and second that our correspondents who were appointed last year to visit sister associations make reports. Reports made. Those who failed to go were excused.

8. By move and second correspondents were called, received and seated the following:

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Brothers E. C. Thompson and John F. Goad.

Mt. Zion Association: Elders Owen Harvey and Henry Smith.

At this time the Union Association of Kentucky asked to take up correspondence by messengers.

9. Moved and seconded we take up correspondence with Union Association. They sent as correspondents to Mountain Association: Elders Dallas Adams and J. P. Holbrook.

10. Called for visitors from sister associations and sister

churches. The following came forward and were seated:

Union Association: Brother Tommy Adams, Elders G. D. Smith and Alvin Profitt.

Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Brother Cecil Hill and wife.

Senter Association: Brother F. O. Thompson.

St. Clair Bottom Church: Brother R. C. Price and wife.

Mt. Zion Association: Brother W. A. Davidson and wife, Sister Georgia Dillard, Sister Henry Smith, Sister Owen Harvey. Montview Church: Brother and Sister D. Burroughs.

New Liberty Association: Elder J. M. Whaling and wife.

Suwannee Association of Florida: Elder H. L. Moody.

Mt. Enon Association of Florida: Elder T. R. Crawford.

Prince William Association of South Carolina: Elder W. H. Anderson.

Ketocton Association of Virginia: Elder W. G. Fletcher.

Worrell Memorial Church: Elder Wilbur F. Worrell.

11. Received minutes from the following sister associations: Ketockton, Senter District, Union, Mount Zion, Piney Grove, Mates Creek, and St. Clair's Bottom District.

12. By move and second Moderator will make all committee appointments for this session.

Moderator appointed to stand to preach Friday: Elder W. H. Anderson. Remarks by Elder J. M. Whaling.

(a) The following brethren were appointed on Committee on Preaching: Brothers Mart Jenkins, C. S. McBride, Arol Choate with messengers from Union Church.

(b) The following brethren were appointed to Finance Committee: Arthur Gambill, Raymon Nichols and Herman Edwards.

(c) The following were appointed to Committee on Arrangements: Elder C. C. Sawyer, Elder Edd Douglass, Brothers Eddie Hoppers, Johnny Murray, Green Ward, and Moderator and Clerk.

(d) The following Committee was appointed to assign correspondents to sister associations: Brothers Oscar Wyatt, Reeves Douglass and Charles P. Greer.

(e) The following brethren were appointed to distribute corresponding minutes: G. Lester Irwin and Willie Joines.

13. By move and second Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder W. G. Fletcher.

SATURDAY MORNING—August 31, 1963

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Opened for business—song and prayer by Elder W. G. Fletcher.

2. Called roll of messengers—marked off those absent.

3. Called for correspondents and visitors to report who were not present on Friday. The following came forward:

Mt. Zion Association: Sister Charlotte Lilly and Sister Myrtle Lilly.

Senter Association: Brother Rex P. Jones, Sister Millie Lee Burgess, Sister Margaret Cockerham and daughter, Lavana Cockerham.

Troutdale Church: Brother C. E. Adams and wife.

Stuart Primitive Baptist Church: Elder R. L. Rogers.

St. Clair's Bottom Church: Brothers D. C. Blevins, John S. Cress, Fred W. Cress, Quincy Graybeal and wife.

Montview Church: Sister Hattie East.

Worrell Memorial: Brother J. Clinton Worrell, Brother and Sister Cana Sowers. Sister Wilbur F. Worrell.

Harmony Grove Church: Elder W. L. Gardner, Sister C. B. Worrell, Sister Beulah Redd and Brother Elmo Smith.

Prince William Association of South Carolina: Elder C. J. DeLoch.

4. Calling on Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported the following and were discharged: The Committee on Arrangements recommends to the Association:

(a) That we write a memorial to our deceased members, give their names and their name of the church of which they were a member.

(b) That our next session of the Mountain District Association convene with Cross Roads Church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1964.

(c) That we discontinue to send minutes to sister associations who dropped correspondence with us.

(d) That we have 800 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(e) That we thank Elder C. C. Sawyer for his faithful service to the Mountain Association for the two years he served as Moderator.

(f) General routine of business.

5. By move and second the Association received the recommendations of Committee on Arrangements and adopted same.

6. By move and second, called on committee that was appointed to assign correspondents to sister associations to report. They reported the following assignments and were discharged:

Senter: Brothers Lester Irwin, John Phipps, Jack Reeves and John Watson.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Elder Walter Evans, Elder C. C. Sawyer, Brothers John Paisley and Lon M. Reeves.

Mt. Zion: Elder C. C. Sawyer, Elder Edd Douglas, Brothers G. R. Douglas, Mart Jenkins and Raymon Nichols.

Union of Kentucky: Elder Edd Douglas and Brother Raymon Nichols.

7. Called Committee on Finance to report. They reported the following and were discharged:

Received from churches		$160.00
Allowed Moderator	20.00	
Allowed Clerk	20.00	
Printing Minutes	95.00	
Correspondents	25.00	$160.00

Received from brethren, sisters and friends $195.25 which was distributed to visiting Elders.

8. Called on Committee on Preaching to report. The following Elders were appointed to the stand and committee discharged:

Friday Afternoon:

1. Elder W. H. Anderson, no special text.
2. Elder J. M. Whaling, short talk and remarks

Friday Night at Union Church:

Open, Elder, J. M. Whaling

1. Elder J. P. Holbrook, "Ye are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, etc."
2. Elder Alvin Profit, no special text
3. Elder W. G. Fletcher, Men and brethren, what must we do to be saved?

Saturday Morning:

Open, Elder W. G. Fletcher
1. Elder C. J. DeLoch, Matt. 11:25
2. Elder Henry Smith, no special text
3. Elder Owen Harvey, Rev. 5:6

Saturday Afternoon:

1. Elder Wilbur F. Worrell, Peter 2:5
2. Elder H. L. Moody, Gen. 42:3

Saturday Night at Little River Church:

Open, Elder Dewey Roten
1. Elder W. L. Gardner, 2 Cor. 5:17
2. Elder C. E. Darity, Rom. 10:1

Sunday Morning:

Open, Elder Dewey Roten
1. Elder W. L. Gardner, Acts 2:23
2. Elder R .L. Rogers, Rev. 7:9-17
3. Elder T. R. Crawford, Rev. 22:21

Sunday Afternoon:

1. Elder Dewey Roten, "Never a man spake like this man."

9. By move and second the Association appointed the Clerk as Treasurer and to superintend the printing of 800 copies of these minutes and distribute as usual.

10. Resolved that we return thanks, first to God, then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during the setting of this Association.

11. By move and second the minutes were read and approved.

12. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder G. D. Smith from Union Association of Kentucky.

ELDER WALTER EVANS, Moderator
LON M. REEVES, Clerk

IN MEMORIAM

Be it resolved that we, the Mountain District Association, mourn the loss of those who have passed since our last session.

While heaven is theirs to enjoy, we must travel on in this old world of sin for awhile.

May it be the Father's will to grant us grace to grieve, not as those who have no hope, but be reconciled and bow in humble submission to His divine will.

UNION—Brother Henry Edwards

ANTIOCH—Brother Daniel Floyd Wagoner, Sister Adina Jane Atwood Wagoner

LITTLE RIVER—Sister Vernon Reeves Honaker, Brother Martin Rector

PINEY CREEK—Sister Octava Fowler, Sister Eunice Hash

OBITUARIES

ADINA JANE ATWOOD WAGONER

Adina Jane, daughter of Jessie and Sally Atwood, was born April 30, 1879; died October 6, 1961, aged 82 years, 5 months and 6 days.

She was married to Daniel Wagoner on February 19, 1900. To this union were born 7 children: Tola, Gadis, Lola, Golar, Barnard, Folger and Blan.

She joined Antioch Primitive Baptist Church at the age of 13 years and remained a faithful member until death. After the death of her husband, she had no desire to live and her greatest hope was to meet her Savior and her companion.

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DANIEL FLOYD WAGONER

Daniel Floyd Wagoner, son of the late Cisero and Sallie Wagoner, was born February 12, 1879; died July 31, 1961, aged 82 years, 5 months and 19 days.

He was married to Adina Atwood at the age of 21 years and to this union was born 7 children, Tola, Lola, Gladis, Golar, Barnard, Folger, and Blan.

Uncle Daniel, as he was called, was a pioneer of Alleghany County where he spent his entire life. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Antioch June 1950 and remanied faithful until death. He was a firm believer in the sovereignty of God and salvation by grace.

VISITING ELDERS TO THIS ASSOCIATION

1. Elder Owen Harvey, Hinton, West Virginia
2. Elder Henry Smith, Spanishburg, West Virginia
3. Elder W. L. Gardner, Hillsville, Virginia
4. Elder R. L. Rogers, Mt. Airy, N .C.
5. Elder J. M. Whaling, X2 Gangales G.D.N.S., 29204 Columbia, S. C.
6. Elder H. L. Moody, LaCrosse, Florida
7. Eld. Wilbur F. Worrell, 1255 Millerwood Dr., Winston-Salem, N. C.
8. Elder W. H. Anderson, Box 163, Hampton, S. C.
9. Elder T. W. Crawford, 921 Bradshaw Terr., Orlando, Fla.
10. Elder W. G. Fletcher, Strasburg, Virginia
11. Elder G. D. Smith, P. O. Box 593, 40807 Benham, Ky.
12. Elder Dallas Adams, 40826 Eolia, Ky.
13. Elder J. P. Holbrook, Sergent, Ky.
14. Elder Alvin Profitt, 40826 Eolia, Ky.
15. Elder R. P. Vass, Sparta, N. C.
16. Elder Dewey Roten, West Jefferson, N. C.
17. Elder C. E. Darity, 371 Bloomfield Dr., Macon, Ga.
18. Elder C. J. DeLoch, 7261 Patricia Dr., Columbia, S. C.
19. Lic. John F. Goad, Rt. 4, Hillsville, Va.

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C. 20
G. R. Douglas, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 50
Oscar Wyatt, Rt. 4, Sparta, N. C. 40
Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va 40
Lura Parks, Mouth of Wilson, Va. 5
Olga Greer, Grant, Va. 15
M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va. 30
C. S. McBride, Independence, Va. 30
Willard Cruise, Galax, Va. 40
Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 40
Raymond Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 50
Roscoe Williams, Laurel Springs, N. C. 40
Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C. 10

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Senter: Earl M. Severt, Rt. 2. West Jefferson, N. C. 20
Mt. Zion: J. R. Lillie, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 20
Union: Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. 20
Mates Creek: Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky. 20
United P. B. of Va.: Elder C. Allen Ester, Hillsville, Va. 20
Ketocton—K. F. Bobzien, 1907 Alta Vista Dr., Alexandria, Va. .. 15
Ebenezer—W. Clayton Wynham, Brightwood, Va. 15

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Va.
Elder Walter Evans, Sparta, N. C.
Elder C. B. Kilby, R. F. D., Galax, Va.
Elder C. L. Roberts, Rt. 2, Independence, Va.
Elder C. C. Sawyer, Fries, Va.
Licentiate Eldridge Sawyer, P. O. Box 14, Fries, Va.
Licentiate Ruben Hawks, Galax, Va.

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek—June, 1st Saturday.
Little River—June 3rd Saturday.
Union—July 1st Saturday.
Peach Bottom—July 2nd Saturday.
Barton's Cross Roads—July 1st Saturday.
Saddle Creek—July 4th Saturday
Rock Creek—August 1st Saturday.
Galax—August 2nd Sunday.
Elk Creek—August 2nd Saturday.
Cross Roads—August 3rd Saturday.
Antioch—August 4th Saturday.
And the Sunday following in all the churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make rmarks on his slips, failings or imprfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, cert-

ifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated; but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necesssary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Associational Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present,

to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only b ythe imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.
9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Ordained Elders	Licensed Gifts	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
CROSS ROADS	Raymond Nichols,	J. D. Murray, Crilly Ray Boyer,											
Eld. R. E. Douglas	Galax, Va.	Raymond Nichols	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	55	$20.00
ANTIOCH	Roscoe Williams,	Lester Irwin, Roscoe Williams,											
Elds. Evans & Roten	Laurel Springs, N. C.	Arol Choate	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	2	45	15.00
PEACH BOTTOM	Garnett Bolt,	Garnett Bolt, Green Ward,											
Eld. Roten	Independence, Va.	Clarence Ward	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	49	11.00
GALAX	Willard Cruise	Edd Douglas, C. C. Sawyer,											
Eld. Douglas & Sawyer.	Galax, Va.	Hermon Edwards	2	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	43	20.00
LITTLE RIVER	G. R. Douglas	Walter Evans, Lon M. Reeves,											
Elds. Kilby & Evans	Sparta, N. C.	G. R. Douglas	2	....	3	2	....	....	....	....	2	72	37.50
SADDLE CREEK:	M. A. Jenkins,	M. A. Jenkins, Guy Phipps,											
Eld. Sawyer	Independence, Va.	Rose Jenkins	....	....	4	....	....	....	1	....	....	14	6.00
PINEY CREEK	C. L. Hash,	C. L. Hash, Lucy Weaver,											
Elder Douglas	Sparta, N. C.	Blanch Wyatt	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	11	5.00
BARTONS CROSS RD.	Olga Greer												
Elder Sawyer	Grant, Va.	Charles Greer, Olga Greer	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	8	5.00
ELK CREEK	Arthur Gambill,	Arthur Gambill, Willie Joines,											
Elds. Evans & Roten	Sparta, N. C.	R. C. Gambill	....	....	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	37	18.50
ROCK CREEK	C. S. McBride												
Eld. Evans, & Douglas	Independence, Va.	C. S. McBride, Griggs Hackler	1	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	42	5.00
	Bessie Critcher,												
CRANBERRY	Laurel Springs, N. C.	Represented by letter only	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	3.00
UNION	Oscar Wyatt,	Oscar Wyatt, Eddie Hoppers,											
Eld. Kilby & Evans	Sparta, N. C.	Robert Cleary	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	74	14.00
		Totals	5	2	....	6	....	....	2	1	7	457	160.00

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Sixty-Sixth

Annual Session

OF THE

Mountain District

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Cross Roads Church

GRAYSON COUNTY, BAYWOOD VIRGINIA
Beginning on Friday before the first Sunday
In September,

1964

Next session convenes with Antioch Church, located seven miles west of Sparta, Alleghany County, N. C., two miles south off Highway 221, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1965.

OFFICERS

ELDER WALTER EVANS - Moderator, Sparta, N. C.
LON M. REEVES - Clerk, Sparta, North Carolina

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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH CROSS ROADS CHURCH, BAYWOOD, GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, SEPTEMBER 4, 5, 6, 1964.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 4, 1964.

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment; opened with song and prayer by Elder W. T. Cook, visitor from Pilgrim's Rest Association, Pensacola, Florida.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Edd Douglas, text Titus 2:1.

3. After intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church house, were called to order for business, song and prayer by Brother Donald Hazen, visitor from Mt. Enon Association.

4. Called for, received and read letters from churches and seated messengers, see Statistical Table.

5. Called for petitionary letters; none came.

6. Organized by move and second to elect Moderator and Clerk for this session by ballot. Elders W. T. Cook, W. G. Fletcher and T. R. Crawford were called to take vote. Elder Walter Evans was elected Moderator and Lon M. Reeves was elected Clerk.

7. Move and second our correspondents who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations make reports. Reports made. Those who failed to go were excused.

8. By move and second correspondents were called from sister Associations. They were received and the following were seated:

(a) United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Brethren E. C. Thompson and J. T. Jackson.

(b) Mt. Zion Association: Elders Owen D. Harvey, and Henry Smith.

(c) Union Association of Kentucky: Elders Oliver Holbrook, J. P. Holbrook, and Dallas Adams.

9. Called for visitors from sister Associations and sister Churches. The following came forward and were seated:

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Brother

and Sister Sanders Walker, Sister J. B. Shrader, Brother and Sister Homer Sutphin and Brother and Sister Arelys Vass.

Mt. Zion Association: Sister Owen D. Harvey.

Ketocton Association: Elder W. G. Fletcher.

Pilgrim's Rest Association: Elder W. T. Cook.

Mt. Enon Association, Florida: Elders T. R. Crawford and Joe Harvill, and Brother Don Hazen.

Union Association of Kentucky: Sister Verdie Day and Sister Maluary Taylor.

Mt. Carmel Church: Brother and Sister Felix Irwin.

Harmony Grove Church: Brother O. C. Martin.

Montview Church: Brother and Sister R. L. East, and Bro. Frank King.

Crab Creek Church: Brother and Sister Mac D. Rector, Sister Viola Smith, Brother Luther Smith, Sister Cora Green, Brother and Sister J. K. McKnight.

10. Received Minutes from the following sister Associations: Ketocton, Union, Mount Zion, Mates Creek, United Primitive Baptist Association in Virginia, and Senter District.

11. Moved and seconded that Moderator make all Committee appointments for this session. Moderator appointed to stand Friday: Elder Joe Harvill, text Ez. 37:4, and Elder T. R. Crawford, Rom. 10:1.

(a) Preaching Committee will consist of following brethren: Mart Jenkins, Elmer Sparks, and C. S. McBride, with messengers from Cross Roads Church.

(b) Finance Committee will consist of the following brethren: R. C. Gambill, Fred Hawks, and G. R. Douglas.

(c) Committee on Arrangements will consist of the following: Elders Edd Douglas, C. C. Sawyer, Bros. Garnet Bolt, C. L. Hash, Oscar Wyatt, with Moderator and Clerk.

(d) Committee to assign correspondents to sister Associations will consist of the following: Brethren Charles P. Greer, Charlie Edwards, and Willie Joines.

(e) Committee to distribute corresponding Minutes will consist of the following: Brethren Clarence Ward, Guy Waddell, and Roscoe Williams.

12. By move and second, Association adjourned until Satur-

day morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder W. G. Fletcher from Ketocton Association in Virginia.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 5, 1964.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and opened for business. Song and prayer by Elder W. L. Gardner, visitor from Harmony Grove Church.

2. Called roll of messengers. Marked off those absent.

3. Called for correspondents and visitors to report who were not present on Friday. The following came forward and were seated:

Senter Association: Sister Margaret Cockram and daughter, Lavana, Sister Mazie Absher, and Brother Tom Fowler.

New Liberty Association: Brother and Sister Finley Ratcliff.

Montview Church: Brother and Sister Roland Goins.

St. Clairs Bottom Church: Brother and Sister Quincy Graybeal.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Brother J. T. Smith, Sister Matooka Smith, Brother and Sister John W. Horton, Brother and Sister Cecil Hill, Elder and Sister S. S. Walker, and Brother Tommy Custer.

Mt. Zion Association: Sister Charlotte Lilly, and Sister Myrtle Lilly.

Harmony Grove Church: Brother Troy Hill, Brother Reuben Hawks, Jr., Sister Maude Lamkin, Elder W. L. Gardner, Sister Fannie Worrell, Sister Beulah Reed, Sister Margaret Reed, Brother Farley Wilson, Brother Troy Hill and Brother Arthur Hundley.

4. Called for Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported the following: The Committee on Arrangements recommends to the Association:

(a) That obituaries of deceased members requested by their church be printed in Minutes in condensed form.

(b) To have as many Minutes as needed for distribution to the churches and sister associations.

(c) That the next session of the Mountain District Association convene with Antioch Church, seven miles west of Sparta, Alleghany County, North Carolina, two miles southeast off

Highway 221, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1965.

(d) General routine of business.

5. Moved and seconded that Association receive the recommendation of Committee on Arrangements and adopted same. Committee was discharged.

6. Moved and seconded that Committee to assign correspondents to sister Associations report. They reported the following assignments, and were discharged:

(a) United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Brethren Lon M. Reeves, John Paisley, Garnet Bolt, Ruben Hawks, John Phipps, Elders Walter Evans, and C. C. Sawyer.

(b) Mt. Zion Association: Elders C. C. Sawyer and R. E. Douglas, Brethren G. R. Douglas, Raymond Nichols, and M. A. Jenkins.

(c) Senter Association: Elder Walter Evans, Brethren Roscoe Williams, A. J. Reeves, C. S. McBride, Eddie Hoppers, J. M. Osborne and Willie Joines.

(d) Union Association in Kentucky: Elder R. E. Douglas, Brethren Herman Edwards, Fred Hawks, Elmer Sparks, and Roscoe Williams.

7. Committee on Finance made report and was discharged.

Received from churches	$166.50	
Allowed the Moderator	20.00	
Allowed the Clerk	20.00	
Printing Minutes and postage	95.00	
Gave to correspondents	31.50	$166.50

Received from brethren, sisters and friends $146.00, which was distributed to visiting Elders.

8. Committee on Preaching made following report of Elders to fill the stand, and was discharged:

Friday afternoon—Elder Joe Harvill, Ez. 37:1-4; Elder T. R. Crawford, Rom. 10:1.

Friday night at Cross Roads Church—Elder Oliver Holbrook, to open; Elder Dallas Adams, Elder J. P. Holbrook.

Saturday morning—Open song and prayer by Elder Oliver Holbrook; Elder Henry Smith, no special text; Elder W. G. Fletcher, 2 Pet. 1:1-10.

Saturday afternoon—Elder Owen Harvey, John 1:34; Elder S. S. Walker, Heb. 6; Elder W. L. Gardner, no special text.

Saturday night, Cross Roads Church—Open with song and prayer by Elder S. S. Walker; Elder W. T. Cook, Tim. 1:19.

Sunday morning—Open with song and prayer by Brother Ruben Hawks, Jr.; Elder W. T. Cook, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the House of David." Elder R. L. Rogers, "Surely the Lord knoweth them that are His." Remarks by the Moderator at the close.

9. By move and second it was agreed that we have the Memorial and obituaries requested printed in the Minutes.

10. By move and second the Association appointed Clerk as treasurer and to superintend the printing of 700 copies of these Minutes and distribute as usual.

11. Resolved that we return thanks, first to God, then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during the setting of this Association.

12. By move and second, these Minutes were read and approved.

13. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Closed with song and prayer by Elder Walter Evans.

Elder Walter Evans, Moderator
Lon M. Reeves, Clerk.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our loved ones who have been called home to that heavenly rest since the last session of our Association. Their going leaves a vacancy in our midst that can never be filled. May we be reconciled to the will of our heavenly Father and comforted with the fact that without death we could never hear the sweet call of our Lord and Savior saying, "Come Home."

Surely they are sweetly resting in the arms of our blessed Redeemer waiting unto the day of resurrection when they shall be raised and fashioned like unto the glorious body of our Lord.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Galax: Sister Laura Stanley, Sister Goad.

Barton's Cross Roads: Sister Laura Ellen Hash.

Antioch: Brother W. Guy Richardson, Sister Leavy Richardson, Sister Nina Fender and Brother John Watson.

Little River: Sister Eula Mae Crouse, Sister Ellen Hudson, and Brother Coy M. Richardson.

Piney Creek: Sister Alice Halsey and Sister Bettie Parsons.

Union: Sister Jennie Edwards.

Cross Roads: Sister Dell Rector Choate.

Saddle Creek: Sister Laura Poe.

Cranberry: Sister Mary Jane Waddell.

OBITUARIES

Laura Ellen Hash

On February 6, 1964 the angel of death hovered over the earthly body of Laura Ellen Hash, and bore her gentle loving soul away. She had been in poor health for a number of years. All that loving hands could do was done to ease her suffering and make her life more pleasant. She was born November 5, 1879, the daughter of Frank Lovelace and Lois Lovelace. She married Letcher Hash January 16, 1899. To this union were born 10 children. She joined the Church at Barton's Cross Roads on September 23, 1926, and lived a life that said she was a child ofGod. Funeral services were conducted by Elders C. C. Sawyer and Edd Douglas at Barton's Cross Roads on February 7, 1964.

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Susan Laura Phipps Poe

Sister Susan Laura Phipps Poe, 73 years of age, passed away March 24, 1964. She was married 50 years ago to Ken Poe who survives her, along with their 4 sons, 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She joined the church at Saddle Creek in July, 1911 and remained a member there until her passing. She is sadly missed by all who knew her and we hope to meet her in that beautiful home above.

Laura Rorrer Stanley

Laura Rorrer Stanley was born to the late Charley F., and Statia Allen Rorrer on December 20, 1882, and passed away at High Point, N. C., June 4, 1964. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Elder Edd Douglas at Vaughn-Guynn Chapel, Galax, Va., with interment in Felts Memorial Cemetery.

She was united in marriage with Isham Barnard Stanley October 9, 1897, who preceded her in death five years. She is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Elma S. Poore, Mrs. Viola S. Jones, and Mrs. Reba S. Weeks. One son, Leon H. Stanley.

In the year 1907 she united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Bell Spur, Patrick County, Va., and was baptized by the late Elder Matt Blancett. In later years she moved her membership, by letter, to the Galax Primitive Baptist Church at Galax, Va., where she resided for a number of years and remained a faithful member until death. Her steadfastness of faith in good times—in bad times, never wavering from the true principles of her church and the friendliness, the kindness she showed to every person, great or small, always smilingly speaking a kind word to all were the most beloved characteristics of this departed sister—Mother and friend. May her soul rest eternally with God.

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In Memory of Sister Mary E. Goad

Sister Mary E. Goad was born February 9, 1888 and departed this life January 4, 1964, making her stay on earth 75 years, 11 months and 25 days. She was the daughter of Preston and Emma Sheppard Cox, and was united in marriage to Marion Lee Goad January 4, 1907. To this union were born 8 children, 2 boys and 6 girls.

Sister Goad joined the Primitive Baptist Church at New Hope, Aug. 1915 and came to Galax Primitive Baptist Church by letter and was a devoted and faithful attendant as long as her health permitted. She loved the Lord, her church, and her family. The church has lost a precious member, the community a devout neighbor and friend.

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8. Elder Joe Harvill, 1013 Lake Jarsimine Dr., Orlando, Fla.
9. Elder S. S. Walker, 1718 Greenridge Rd., Salem Va.
10. Elder Dallas Adams, Eolia, Ky.
11. Elder J. P. Holbrook, Sergent, Ky.
12. Elder Oliver Holbrook, May King, Ky.
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10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necesssary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

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11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C. 20
G. R. Douglas, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 50
Oscar Wyatt, Rt. 4, Sparta, N. C. 40
Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va 40
Lura Parks, Independence, Va. 5
Olga Greer, Grant, Va. 15
M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va. 30
C. S. McBride, Independence, Va. 30
Willard Cruise, Galax, Va. 40
Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 40
Raymond Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 75
Roscoe Williams, Laurel Springs, N. C. 40
Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C. 10

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Senter: Earl M. Severt, Rt. 2, West Jefferson, N. C. 20
Mt. Zion: J. R. Lillie, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 20
Union: Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. 20
Mates Creek: Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky. 20
United P. B. of Va.: Elder C. Allen Ester, Hillsville, Va. 20
Ketocton—K. F. Bobzien, 1907 Alta Vista Dr., Alexandria, Va. .. 15
Ebenezer—W. Clayton Wynham, Brightwood, Va. 15

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Ordained Elders	Licensed Gifts	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
ANTIOCH Eld. Walter Evans	Roscoe Williams, Laurel Springs, N. C.	Bros. Guy Waddell, Rosco Williams, Elmer Sparks	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	4	40	$18.00
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Dewey Roten	Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va.	Bros. Garnett Bolt, Clarence Ward, John Anders	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	49	6.00
GALAX Eld. Douglas & Sawyer.	Willard Cruise Galax, Va.	Elds. Edd Douglass, C. C. Sawyer, Bro. Fred Hawks	2	1	2	2	1	....	....	....	2	44	20.00
LITTLE RIVER Elds. Kilby & Evans	G. R. Douglas Sparta, N. C.	Eld. Walter Evans, Bros. Lon M. Reeves and G. R. Douglas	2	....	3	....	1	....	....	1	3	69	40.00
SADDLE CREEK: Elder C. C. Sawyer	M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va.	Bros. M. A. Jenkins, Guy Phipps, Sister Pearl Shaver	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	13	6.00
PINEY CREEK Eld. Price Vass	C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C.	Bro. C. L. Hash, Sister Lucy Weaver, Sister Blanche Wyatt	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	9	5.00
BARTONS CROSS RD. Elder C. C. Sawyer	Olga Greer Grant, Va.	Bro. Charles P. Greer, Sister Olga Greer	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	7	5.00
ELK CREEK Elds. Evans & Roten	Arthur Gambill, Sparta, N. C.	Bros. Arthur Gambill, J. Mack Osborne and Willie Joines	....	....	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	40	20.00
ROCK CREEK Eld. Evans, & Douglas	C. S. McBride Independence, Va.	Bros. C. S. McBride, G. D. Hackler and Eld. Coy Roberts	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	32	5.50
CRANBERRY	Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C.	Represented by letter and contribution	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	6	5.00
UNION Eld. Kilby & Evans	Oscar Wyatt, Sparta, N. C.	Bros. Eddie Hoppers, Charlie Edwards, and Oscar Wyatt	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	1	75	16.00
CROSS ROADS Eld. R. E. Douglas	Raymond Nichols, Galax, Va.	Bros. Raymond Nichols, J. D. Murray, Johnny Truitt	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	1	1	53	20.00

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Sixty-Seventh

Annual Session

OF THE

Mountain District

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Antioch Church

ALLEGHANY COUNTY,

SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA

BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST

SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER,

1965

Next session convenes with Peach Bottom Church, located one mile northwest of Independence, Grayson County, Virginia on Highway No. 21, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1966.

OFFICERS

ELDER WALTER EVANS - Moderator, Sparta, N. C.

LON M. REEVES - Clerk, Sparta, North Carolina

Primitive Publications, Elon College, N. C.

Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH ANTIOCH CHURCH, SPARTA, ALLEGHANY COUNTY, N. C. SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5, 1965.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 3, 1965.

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment. Opened with song and prayer by Elder Roy Boles from Pulaski Church, Pulaski, Virginia.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Walter Evans, text Luke 1:1.

3. After intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church house, were called to order for business, song and prayer by Elder W. T. Cook, visitor from Flint River Association of Georgia.

4. Called for, received and read letters from all churches except Cranberry and seated messengers. See Statistical table.

5. Called for petitionary letters; none came.

6. Organized by move and second to elect Moderator and Clerk for this session by ballot. Elders W. T. Cook, W. G. Fletcher, and F. R. Moore, were called to take vote. Elder Walter Evans was elected Moderator, and Lon M. Reeves was elected Clerk.

7. Move and second our correspondents who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations make reorts. Reports made and received. Those who failed to go were excused.

8. By move and second correspondents were called from sister Associations. They were received, and the following were seated:

(a) United Primitive Baptist of Virginia: Brother E. C. Thompson.

9. Called for visitors from sister Associations and sister Churches. The following came forward and were seated:

Mt. Zion Association: Sister Charlotte Lilly, Sister Georgia Dillard, Sister Myrtle Lilly.

Senter: Brother B. L. Ware and wife, Brother G. O. Burgess

and wife, Sister Margaret Cocheran and daughter, Louana, Sister Lillian Richardson, Brother Tom Fowler.

Pulaski Church: Elder and Sister Roy W. Boles.

Flint River Association of Georgia: Elder W. T. Cook.

Harmony Grove Church: Elder Reuben Hawks, Jr.

Yellow Springs Church in Tennessee: Elder Avery L. Land and wife.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Elder Cecil Hill and wife, Brother Robert Baker, Sister J. B. Schuler.

Loves Grove Church: Brother R. L. East and wife.

St. Clair's Bottom Church: Brother R. C. Price and wife.

Walnut Cove Church: Elder F. R. Moore.

Meadow Fork Church: Elder Allen Whittington.

Ketocton Association of Virginia: Elder W. G. Fletcher.

Mill Creek Church: Elder W. H. Lewis and wife.

Joaquin Valley Church, California: Elder W. B. Howard.

10. Received Minutes from the following Associations:

Mt. Zion, Mates Creek, Senter District, Ketocton, United Primitive Baptist of Virginia.

11. By move and second Moderator will make all Committee appointments for this session. The following were appointed:

(a) Preaching Committee will consist of the following brethren: Bros. Charlie Edwards, G. R. Douglas, J. I. Paisley, with messengers from Antioch Church.

(b) Finance Committee will consist of the following brethren: Bros. C. S. McBride, R. C. Gambill, and M. A. Jenkins.

(c) Committee on Arrangements consists of the following: Elders R. E. Douglas, C. C. Sawyer, Bros. Oscar Wyatt, C. L. Hash, and Clarence Ward. On motion, Moderator and Clerk are to seat with Committee on Arrangements.

(d) Committee to assign correspondents to sister Associations consists of the following: Bros. Charles P. Greer, Willie Joines, and Griggs Hackler.

(e) Committee to distribute corresponding Minutes consists of the following: Bros. Johnnie Murray and Herman Edwards.

12. By move and second, Association adjourned until Sat-

urday morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder Edd Douglas.

Elder F. R. Moore filled the stand at close of Association on Friday, text Cor. 2:11.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 4, 1965.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and opened for business. Song and prayer by Elder W. B. Howard, Joaquin Valley Church, California.

2. Called roll of messengers. Marked off those absent.

3. Called for correspondents and visitors to report who were not present Friday. The following came forward and were seated:

Correspondents: Elder Lowell Lilly of Mt. Zion Association. Elder Ray Rotenizer of United Primitive Baptist of Virginia. Visitors: Mt. Zion Association: Elder Dowel Stover and wife, Brother Webster Morgan and wife, Sister Harry Morgan, Sister Lola Morgan, Sister Vergie Lilly, Brother James H. Booth and wife, Brother Harold Sutphin, Brother Frank Oresta, Sister Amalene Oresta, Sister Dorothy Marshall.

New Liberty Association: Brother and Sister Finley Ratcliff.

New Fellowship Church: Elder R. P. Vass.

Pulaski Church: Brother and Sister Charles T. Goins, Brother and Sister Jay Harris.

Spoon Creek Church: Elder J. D. Hopkins.

Harmony Grove Church: Brother Tommy Custer.

High Point Church: Brother and Sister W. W. Motsinger.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: Brother L. H. Shockley and wife.

St. Clair Bottom Church: Brother Fred Cress, Sister Kate Tilson, Sister Mary Ellen Cress, Brother Q. E. Graybeal and wife, Brother Dan Blevins, Brother Wiley Greer.

Loves Grove Church: Elder R. L. Rogers and wife, Brother John H. Belton and wife, Brother R. L. Goins, Sister Ida Arrington, Sister Maggie Carter, Brother Aubrey Love.

Pleasant Grove Church: Elder Ray White, Brother Levi Shelor and wife.

4. Called for Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported the following:

Committee on Arrangements recommend (a) to have 700 copies of these Minutes printed and distribute as usual; (b) next session of Association to convene with Peach Bottom Church, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1966; (c) to have obituaries printed in Minutes that are requested by their church; (d) general routine of business.

5. Moved and seconded that Association receive the recommendation of Committee on Arrangements. Committee discharged.

6. Moved and seconded to assign correspondents to sister Associations report. The reported the following assignments and were discharged.

United Primitive Baptist of Virginia: Brother Fred Hawks, Elder C. C. Sawyer, Bros. W. R. Hawks, A. J. Reeves, R. C. Gambill.

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Senter District: Bros. Charlie Edwards, Willie Joines, J. E. Truitt, C. S. McBride.

Union of Kentucky: Brother Elmer Sparks.

7. Called on Finance Committee to report. They made the following report and were discharged:

Received from the churches		$212.00
Allowed the Moderator	25.00	
Allowed the Clerk	25.00	
Printing and mailing Minutes	105.00	
Gave to correspondents	57.00	$212.00

Received from brethren, sisters and friends $216.25, which was distributed to visiting elders.

8. Committee on Preaching made the following report and were discharged when completed:

Friday night at Little River Church: Elder Allen Whittington to open; 1st: Elder W. H. Lewis, text Heb. 10:14; 2nd: Elder Avery Land, text John 11:21.

Saturday morning: Open service: Elder Reuben Hawks, Jr.; 1st: Elder W. G. Fletcher, text Col. 3:1, 2; 2nd: Elder J. D.

Hopkins, text John 15:16; 3rd: Elder R. L. Rogers, failed to get text.

Saturday afternoon: Open service: Elder Ray White; 1st: Elder W. B. Howard, text, Gal. 3:17; 2nd: Elder Rotenizer text 1 Peter 1:2; 3rd: Elder Avery Land, failed to get text.

Saturday night at Antioch Church: Open service, Brother James H. Boothe; 1st: Elder Allen Whittington, text John 10:30; 2nd: Elder W. B. Howard, text 1 Tim. 1:15.

Sunday morning: Open service: Elder W. H. Lewis; 1st: Elder Roy W. Boles, text Rom. 8:33; 2nd: Elder Lowell Lilly, text Isa. 55:1; 3rd: Elder W. T. Cook, text Rev. 12:10.

9. By move and second the Association appointed the Clerk as treasurer and to superintend the printing of 700 copies of these Minutes and distribute as usual.

10. Resolve that we return thanks, first to God, then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during the sitting of this Association.

11. By move and second these Minutes were read and approved.

12. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting, closed with song and prayer by Elder C. C. Sawyer.

ELDER WALTER EVANS, Moderator
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Thus closed the 167th annual session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation. —Clerk.

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last Association. Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and no more farewells.

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OBITUARIES

Lela Mae Poe

In loving memory of Lela Mae Poe, age 69, who passed away February 12, 1965. She was married July 13, 1910 to Jerry Wiley Poe, who survives her, along with ten children and thirteen grandchildren. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church April 12, 1952, and was baptized May 14, 1952. She was a faithful attendant as long as her health permitted. She loved the Lord, her church and her family.

Pearl Jones Testerman

In memory of Sister Pearl Jones Testerman, born May 23, 1894, departed this life April 12, 1965, age 70 years. She leaves her husband, ten children, thirty-two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She joined the Church at Barton's Cross Roads and was baptized June 10, 1916, and remained a true Baptist until the end. Her body was laid to rest at Saddle Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery to await the resurrection of the saints.

Lindsey Coy Hill

Brother Lindsey Coy Hill died at Baptist Hospital, Winston Salem after a long illness, on Friday, August 13, 1965, age 60 years. His wife, Sister Kate Ward Hill, survives him. He was baptized into the membership of the Galax Primitive Baptist Church on November 10, 1957. He was a devoted husband and a loyal church member.

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6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated; but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necesssary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Associational Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C. 20
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Oscar Wyatt, Rt. 4, Sparta, N. C. 40
Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va 40
Olga Greer, Grant, Va. 15
M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va. 30
C. S. McBride, Independence, Va. 30
Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 40
Raymond Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 75
Roscoe Williams, Laurel Springs, N. C. 40
Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C. 10
Herman Edwards, Rt. 2, Woodlawn, Va. 40

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Ordained Elders	Licensed Gifts	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
PEACH BOTTOM	Garnett Bolt,	Clarence Ward, Garnett Bolt,											
Elds. Roten & Ward	Independence, Va.	John Anders	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	48	$12.00
GALAX	Hermon Edwards,	Eld. C. C. Sawyer, Eld. Edd											
Eld. Douglas & Sawyer.	Woodlawn, Va.	Douglas, Hermon Edwards	2	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	3	42	20.00
LITTLE RIVER	G. R. Douglas	Walter Evans, Lon M. Reeves,											
Elds. Kilby & Evans	Sparta. N. C.	G. R. Douglas	2	....	3	1	....	....	....	....	2	68	50.00
SADDLE CREEK:	M. A. Jenkins,	M. A. Jenkins, Guy Phipps,											
Elder C. C. Sawyer	Independence, Va.	Pearle Shaver	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	6.00
PINEY CREEK	C. L. Hash,	C. L. Hash, Lucy Weaver,											
Elder Walter Evans	Sparta, N. C.	Blanche Wyatt	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	8	5.00
BARTONS CROSS RD.	Olga Greer												
Elder C. C. Sawyer	Grant, Va.	Charles P. Greer, Olga Greer	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	6	5.00
ELK CREEK	Arthur Gambill,	R. C. Gambill, Willie Joines											
Elds. Evans & Roten ..	Sparta, N. C.	J. M. Osborne	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	39	22.00
ROCK CREEK	C. S. McBride	C. S. McBride, A. G. Hackler,											
Eld. Evans, & Douglas	Independence, Va.	Coy Roberts	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	6.00
	Bessie Critcher,												
CRANBERRY	Laurel Springs, N. C. ..	Contribution	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5.00
UNION	Oscar Wyatt,	Charlie Edwards, Robert Cleary,											
Elds. Evans & Roten ..	Sparta, N. C.	Oscar Wyatt	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	75	20.00
CROSS ROADS	Raymond Nichols,	J. I. Paisley, J. D. Murray,											
Eld. R. E. Douglas	Galax, Va.	Johnnie Truitt	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	53	26.00
ANTIOCH	Roscoe Williams,	Arol Choate, Roscoe Williams,											
Eld. Walter Evans	Laurel Springs, N. C. ..	Lester Irwin	....	1	4	....	....	....	....	1	....	36	31.00

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